
**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, July 22, 1824, from
Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence,
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Monto. July 22. 24.

Dear Sir

I inclose you a letter from Thos. Lieper, the Doyen you know of the genuine republicans of Pensva, who on the prospect that the Director of the Mint is about closing the term of his life wishes that Dr. Patterson son of the Director could be appd his successor. My testimony in hi favor is not form personal acqte, but from the informn of others which is very highly in his favor when he went to Europe I gave him letters at the request of his father, and on his return I had the most favble reports of the advantageous manner in which he had employed the oppties that voyage gave him. The office of Director was given to Mr. Rittenhouse by Gl. Wash. At my request while secy. of state, on acct. of his distinguished mathem. science. I gave it myself on the same ground to Dr. Patterson the father, the office requirs. a proficiency in Mathems. & mechanics science in so much that to this day we feel the benefits of Sr. Isaac Newton's employment in that station. The father having himself educated his son, the present applicant, could not fail I presume to have made him a good proficient in his own science, the handmaid as it is to medicine for which the son was destined. Of these his qualiftns however comparatively with his competitors you are to decide ultimately, and in contempln of the infinite derangment

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& mischief which may be done to our circulating medium by ignorance in its direction. Knowing that this decision cannot be in juster hands I add only for justice to the assurances of my affectionate respects. Th. J.

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